

NEWS OF THE DAY.

The tax rate of Baltimore for 1900 will probably be fixed at \$1.87 on the \$100.

It is probable that orders may be issued soon to dispatch one or more U. S. warships to South African waters.

A dispatch from Yokohama says that a minority in Japan has issued a memorial to the throne which is practically an impeachment of Premier Yamagata and Home Minister Regier.

Anti-foreign demonstrations in Shanghai resulted in the killing of a number of priests and missionaries, and the looting of missions, many of which were connected with the American Mission Board.

It is confidently expected that Congress at its present session will enact legislation which will enable the President to appoint Generals Lee and Wheeler as brigadier generals in the regular army and retire them immediately in that grade.

A number of influential German newspapers hint at the possibility of Germany forming an anti-British coalition with Russia and France. A series of anti-British demonstrations in German cities is being organized by the Pan German League.

William A. Hammond, formerly surgeon general of the United States army, died last night at his residence in Washington. His death was unexpected, as he was in his usual health during the day and was not seized with the attack which terminated fatally until 8 o'clock in the evening. Dr. Hammond was in the seventy-second year of his age, and was a noted physician, surgeon and scientist.

John M. Reesley, a clerk, shot and seriously wounded Assistant Superintendent Charles W. Galloway, of Middle Division, Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, in his office in the Queen City Hotel in Cumberland yesterday. The shooting was the result over an inventory of cars in the yards, which Galloway alleged was not complete. Reesley gave himself up to the authorities immediately after the shooting.

A dispatch from Admiral Watson dated Cavite, Luzon, says that the American flag has been raised over the island of Sibutu, near Borneo. The island lies at the southwestern angle of the boundary line of the quadrangle enclosing the Philippine group. It is probably, but not positively, outside of the line and lies very near the coast of Borneo. The island is the principal channel between that island and the Philippines. The Sultan of Jolo, whose group is close on to this island, is said to claim jurisdiction over it, and as his authority is recognized by the native tribes on the north coast of Borneo and vicinity, it is believed that his claim is well founded. It was probably at his suggestion that the naval officer commanding the gunboat moved.

THE WAR IN AFRICA.

There are rumors in London that a great battle has begun in front of Colenso between the British army of General Buller and the Boer army of General Joubert. The British forces which would probably be engaged is estimated at 28,000 men and 70 cannon. That of the Boers is believed to be 20,000 men and 60 cannon. According to the London reports General Buller has begun the battle by heavily shelling the Boers' intrenchments at Colenso. This would doubtless be the preliminary to a general engagement. A number of Boer commandoes are south of the Tugela river, on which Colenso is situated, and General Buller will have to dislodge these before he can make his main attack.

The plight of the British at Ladysmith is desperate. This is believed to be the reason for General Buller's desire to act quickly.

There is a rumor at Capetown that Colonel Baden-Powell has defeated the Boers at Mafeking. The rumor, it is believed, refers to a fight which occurred after Baden-Powell's recent reverse, in which, according to British accounts, he lost 45 men out of 80 who were engaged.

Boers occupy hills at Colseberg, which prevent General French from advancing along the railway to the Orange Free State. A body of burghers advanced General French's left, but is reported to have been repulsed. The London war office announces that troops have been sent to General French to reinforce him temporarily.

The Boers have retired from the neighborhood of Molenro, but General Gatacre, who advanced on them there, has not pursued.

Troops sent from General Cronje's column at Modder river have occupied the town of Sunnyside, which Colonel Picher's British troops recently seized. Colonel Picher has returned to Belmont.

JUDGES ELECTED.—The following judges were elected by the joint vote of both branches of the legislature yesterday:

E. N. Wood, Fluvanna county; S. B. Witt, Hastings Court of Richmond; J. F. Crocker, Hastings Court of Portsmouth; Henry W. Holt, Hastings Court of Staunton; J. K. M. Norton, Hastings Court of Alexandria; James M. Mullen, Hastings Court of Petersburg; A. R. Hancek, Hastings Court of Norfolk; W. B. Martin, Chancery Court of Norfolk; E. C. Miner, Law and Equity Court of Richmond; James C. Lamb, Chancery Court of Richmond; and A. M. Aiken, Hastings Court of Danville.

RAILROAD TALK.

It was reported in railroad and financial circles in Philadelphia yesterday that the Pennsylvania Railroad has just completed negotiations for a large block of Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad stock. It was stated further that other railroad companies have also secured interests in the Chesapeake and Ohio. A few weeks ago it was announced that the Pennsylvania Railroad had made a considerable investment, amounting to several millions of dollars, in stock of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, and the purchasing of stock of the Chesapeake and Ohio is in line with a plan mapped out by the leading trunk lines to prevent cutting of freight rates and to bring about closer relations and more harmonious action in the conduct of these roads.

The amount of money paid for Baltimore and Ohio stock by the Pennsylvania is said to be between eight and ten million dollars. While the amount of Chesapeake and Ohio stock purchased is not given out, it is said it will amount up into millions. The Chesapeake and Ohio for a long time has been considered a part of the Vanderbilt system. Its terms in the New York News is fitted up with all modern improvements. It is also said that the Spectator and the Baltimore and Ohio have taken a slice of the stock.

Hans Ravene, aged 50, an actor, went to his hotel in New York City last night, fell over the banister and broke his neck, dying instantly. Ravene was the son of one of the wealthiest manufacturers of the German empire.

VIRGINIA NEWS.

Mr. Hylan T. Wooding, brother of Captain Richard Wooding, was found dead in his bed in Lynchburg yesterday. He was about 40 years of age.

Capt. J. W. Partridge was tried the second time yesterday and today in the Princess Anne County Court on the charge of attempting to assault a white woman.

United States Senator Thomas S. Martin is quoted as saying he will support Hon. Claude A. Swanson for the democratic nomination for Governor of Virginia.

Arthur N. Dorr was taken from Lynchburg yesterday to Roskohe, where he will be tried on indictments for embezzlement from his old mother and for forgery.

Max Cohen, aged nineteen son of Mr. Samuel Cohen, one of Richmond's largest dry goods merchants, eloped with Esie Kirsh, aged eighteen, yesterday, and were wedded in Washington.

The joint committee investigation of the Soldiers' Home began in Richmond last night. The only witness examined was Major Randolph, president of the board. He said he courted the fullest inquiry.

Rev. R. E. Laylor, who has served the Baptist churches at Front Royal and at Riverton for the past seven years, has resigned the care of these churches and has accepted a call to Chatham, Pittsylvania county.

An interesting feature of a meeting of the Richmond City Council Thursday night was the adoption of a resolution providing for a meeting to be held to consider the annexation of Manchester and Barton Heights. This was adopted unanimously.

The postoffice at Waterford, four miles from Leesburg, was entered by burglars about one o'clock Friday morning. The safe was blown open, and stamps, worth \$125, beside a small amount of cash, were taken. There is no clue to the robbers.

John W. Prescott's barn, at Manassas, was destroyed by fire Thursday night, with its contents. The loss is \$2,500, only partially insured. The fire is the third there within a few weeks. A water supply project is being agitated to afford better protection.

Prof. S. D. Davies was stricken with paralysis Wednesday morning in Richmond, which affected his entire right side except his foot. His condition is critical, and although temporary relief may be given, it is thought that he will never permanently recover.

The Aldie and Leesburg, and the Leesburg and Point-of-Rocks Telephone companies will be connected at the office of the latter in Leesburg and an exchange started. It is the intention to get the other lines to come into the arrangement, and so Loudoun will be well supplied with telephonic connections.

Mrs. Virginia Carter Greene, wife of W. V. Greene, a well known farmer of Clarke county, died at her home, Walnut Grove, near Boyes, Thursday night of consumption. She was about 40 years old. A husband and six children survive her. Mrs. Greene was a daughter of the late Charles and Marie Castleman of Clarke county.

At Fort Church, Hanover county, on Thursday evening, Mr. Nicholas Snowden Hopkins, of Gloucester county, and Miss Selma Lloyd Hepburn, daughter of the rector of St. Martin's parish, were married. The ceremony was performed by the father of the bride, Rev. Sewell S. Hepburn. Among the guests from a distance was Miss Rebecca C. Powell, of this city, an aunt of the groom.

Nick Gilligan, accused of the murder of C. B. Turner, at Ferguson's Wharf, is reported to be in hiding in Surry county. Parties from Smithfield say that Gilligan has been seen by several persons, at whose houses he has recently applied for food. These say that his feet are badly frozen, and that he is in a condition from frost bites. Gilligan is quoted as stating that he was in the swamps during the recent freeze and suffered fearfully.

Mrs. C. W. Brown, living at the corner of Second and Jackson streets, Richmond, went to her chamber about seven o'clock Thursday evening to put her child to bed, and in making up the bed, pulled the mattress back, disclosing a negro man lying on the floor under the bed. She recognized him as James Moon, an employee of her husband, who screamed, and the man jumped from a two-story window to the street, but was captured. A portion of a roll of money Mrs. Brown had placed in the washstand drawer was gone. Moon went to the grand jury from the police court.

FIRE IN RICHMOND.—The entire fire department of Richmond was called out yesterday afternoon. The Merchants and Planters' warehouse, occupying half a block at the corner of Fifteenth and Cary streets, an old frame structure, caught fire at 2:30 o'clock from a carelessly thrown match, and in half an hour the building and 15,000 boxes of tobacco were destroyed. Kings & Co.'s meat packing and refrigerating plant was badly damaged. Two hours after the firemen had withdrawn flames broke out in the Kingan building, which was totally destroyed. Next to the warehouse stood two mammoth gas holders full of gas, and the heat was so great that the paint peeled off. The fear of an explosion created a panic and people in the buildings near by sought places of safety. A fireman was caught under a falling wall and severely hurt. The insurance men place the total loss at \$359,100, of which \$34,500 was on the Kingan establishment. The tobacco was fully insured.

\$100 REWARD \$100.

The readers of this paper will be pleased to learn that there is at least one dreaded disease that science has been able to cure in all its stages, and that is Catarrh. Catarrh is the only positive cure known to the medical fraternity. Catarrh being a constitutional disease, requires a constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surface of the system, thereby destroying the foundation of the disease, and giving the patient strength by building up the constitution and assisting nature in doing its work. The proprietors have so much faith in its curative powers, that they offer \$100 reward for any case that it fails to cure. Send for list of testimonials. Address F. J. CHENEY & CO., Prop., Toledo, O. Sold by all druggists. Hall's Family Pills are the best.

Beauty Is Blood Deep.

Clean blood means a clean skin. No beauty without it. Cascarets, Candy Cathartic, clean your blood and keep it clean, by stirring up the lazy liver and driving all impurities from the body. Begin to-day to banish pimples, boils, blotches, blackheads, and that sickly bilious complexion by taking Cascarets, beauty for ten cents. All druggists, satisfaction guaranteed, 10c, 25c, 50c.

THE LEGISLATURE.

THE SENATE.

The bill to abolish the Eighteenth judicial circuit was reported favorably from the committee on general laws and it will doubtless be abolished.

Senator Mann offered a bill to amend section 1395 of the Code in reference to conveyances and gifts by will for religious purposes, as amended. Senator James offered a bill to amend section 1220 of the Code, relative to penalty for violating sections 1215 to 1219 of the Code. The bill provides for a penalty of \$100 for the violation of any of the above sections, half to go to the informer.

Mr. Dismore offered bills for the relief of William H. Wood, a disabled Confederate soldier, and to repeal an act to provide for working a certain road in Fairfax county.

HOUSE.

Mr. Priddy offered a joint resolution to amend section 1, article 3, of the constitution, providing an educational qualification for voters who shall be required to read any section of the constitution of the United States printed in English, except soldiers and sailors who served prior to 1870, either in State or in United States, their sons born prior to that date, and persons who hold in their name real estate to the extent of \$400 assessed valuation, blind persons who can understand any required section of the constitution of the United States when read to them.

A fight was made over a result offered by Mr. Bland, of Portsmouth, providing for the payment of the salary of M. S. Newberne, deceased, for the remainder of the term.

Several very high tributes were paid to Mr. Newberne's memory and the resolution was adopted, finally, by a vote of 96 to 18.

Mr. Pollock introduced a bill in the House to amend sections 20 and 22 of an act to provide for the assessment of taxes on persons, property and incomes, &c., known as the revenue law of the State, so as to provide that no corporation, in ascertaining its income, shall be allowed to deduct interest on indebtedness greater than the amount of assessment for taxation against the property.

Mr. Pollock also introduced a bill to amend section 2079 of the code so as to prevent the killing or capturing of all wild birds, other than game birds. Exception is made, however, as to sparrows, hawks and great horned owls. These bills were passed by the House.

To enable the city of Fredericksburg to enforce the collection of delinquent taxes and levies due the city against real estate sold by the State and bought by the auditor for delinquent State taxes.

To authorize the school board of Jefferson township, in Calverton county, to borrow money.

To authorize the United States government to acquire title and jurisdiction to a tract of land in the county of Norfolk on the southern branch of the Elizabeth river.

The House also passed the Senate bill authorizing Winchester Presbytery to receive a gift as a foundation for a scholarship.

The House finance committee reported adversely on the bill to pay the Grimes Battery, of Portsmouth, its claim of \$1,573 for patrol duty at Ocean View during the yellow fever scare. Delegate Bland will make a big fight for the bill on the floor of the House.

THE RECENT LYNCHING.

An account of the lynching of W. B. Watts, in Newport News, yesterday morning, for assaulting Mrs. T. N. Simpson, was published in yesterday's Gazette. When the seven masked men went to the police station and took Watts in charge they went straight to the home of Mrs. Simpson and awakened the young wife, who was asked to identify her assailant, which she did, while the wretched man shrank back before her gaze. He was then hustled off and tied to a tree and riddled with bullets.

Watts's father is an official of the police force of Lynchburg, and his sister is a teacher in an academy there. Watts went to Newport News about three weeks ago, and to all appearances was a tramp—a large, hulking, hoarse-voiced, unprepossessing-looking individual.

Mrs. Simpson shows the black marks made by the brute's fingers on her throat. State Senator Henry Booker says that the prisoner made a partial confession, saying that "love and jealousy will make a man do anything."

Chief of Police Harwood last night received a telegram from Lynchburg, stating that Thomas W. Watts, father of the victim, had left for Newport News. The body will be held until his arrival. It is understood that he will investigate the lynching.

Mrs. Simpson is the daughter of Mr. George W. Bland, a business man of Portsmouth, and a sister of Charles T. Bland, a member of the House of Delegates from Portsmouth. She was married four years ago in Newport News. In a statement last night she said that she had seen Watts on two occasions only prior to Thursday afternoon, and her husband was present both times.

BLOWS STRUCK.—There was a lively encounter in the committee on general laws in Richmond yesterday morning between Senator Lyle and Mr. R. E. Scott, of the law firm of Scott & Stauffer, of Roanoke. The bill for the abolishment of the eighteen judicial circuits was under discussion and Senator Lyle was making some statements regarding the matter, when Mr. Scott arose and declared them to be false. Senator Lyle at once struck at Mr. Scott, and they were separated and Mr. Scott was requested to retire from the committee room. After a short time Senator Lyle came out of the committee room just as Mr. Scott passed the door. Simultaneously they struck at each other, but were caught by several gentlemen and separated. Sergeant-at-arms Watkins appeared as a peacemaker and the affair was dropped.

He Only Repeats What Has Been Said Around The World.

It has been demonstrated repeatedly in every State in the Union and in many foreign countries that Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is a certain preventive and cure for croup. It has been the universal remedy for that disease. M. V. Fisher, of Liberty, W. Va., only repeats what has been said around the globe when he writes: "I have used Chamberlain's Cough Remedy in my family for several years and always with perfect success. We believe that it is not only the best cough remedy, but that it is a sure cure for croup. It has saved the lives of our children a number of times." This remedy is for sale by all druggists.

TO-DAY'S TELEGRAPHIC NEWS.

TELEGRAPHIC BREVITIES.

Foreign News.

Rome, Jan. 6.—A hitch has occurred in the filling of the Columbus bishopric and the Vatican is awaiting more documents relative to the eligibility of the candidates. It is expected that the appointment will be made by the end of January.

Berlin, Jan. 6.—It is learned that the Berlin government has entered into negotiations with the United States concerning common diplomatic action against England because of the recent seizures by British war vessels of German and American ships and goods at Delagoa Bay.

Paris, Jan. 6.—The Journal says that the pope told Cardinal Vaughan that he would offer England his services as mediator in the South African conflict.

Paris, Jan. 6.—The Matin says that the Creuzot Iron Company has refused to fill English orders for ordnance.

Aden, Jan. 6.—The examination of the German mail steamer General, which has been held by the British authorities here, has been ended and the vessel will be allowed to proceed.

Lisbon, Jan. 6.—An alleged semi-official note is printed in the papers here which says that Portugal replied to the Anglo-German proposition to loan her money by informing England and Germany that she did not want the loan. In the event of the loan being accepted the integrity of the Portuguese colonial possessions was to be recognized.

London, Jan. 6.—Mr. Foxhall Keene broke his collarbone yesterday while hunting with the Quorn hounds yesterday.

Paris, Jan. 6.—At the instance of Mr. Peck, the United States commissioner general to the Paris exposition, the French government has decided to admit free of duty all classes of advertising matter belonging to exhibitors at the exposition.

From South Africa.

Renberg, Cape Colony, Jan. 6.—6:50 a. m.—The British artillery at Colseberg opened at dawn with a shelling of the Boer position. Later, the entire British force including the recently arrived infantry and artillery was hotly engaged to the west of the town.

Capetown, Jan. 6.—The Cape Times prints a rumor from Nauwpoort that General French has entered Colseberg. General Methuen is building a branch railroad at Modder river in order to facilitate a flanking movement against the Boers.

Made Target of Prisoners.

Manila, Jan. 6.—Capt. Leonbauer and Lieuts. Enoch and Bates with two companies of the 25th infantry, while reconnoitering yesterday, attacked the insurgent camp. During the fight the insurgents took from prison three men of the 9th and two of the 12th infantry and forced them to kneel in front of a firing party. The first volley killed two. The rest were killed, receiving awful wounds. Two were rescued still living. The fight and slaughter occurred at Comancare, on Mont Arayat. Capt. Leonbauer set fire to the barracks of the town.

Manila, Jan. 6.—Fifteen men of the 39th Infantry under Captain Long fought a force of 200 natives which he encountered in front of Carmona, near the west shore of Laguna de Bay today. The enemy was strongly entrenched and directed a heavy fire for several hours at the Americans. The latter, shooting from cover, killed 25 natives and finally forced them to retire. The American casualties were one man slightly wounded.

Manila, Jan. 6.—The "Jesse J." arrived at New York this morning from England. Mr. Hugo DeBatie, Mrs. Langtry's husband, is at present fighting the Boers in South Africa.

Alfred Elser, the pedestrian known as "The Man Elser," who took part in a number of six-day walking matches in New York, died suddenly in New London, Conn., today.

The British steamer Victoria, used as a transport by this government, arrived today at Manila in the 51 days from San Francisco, her shafts broken.

CHOKED TO DEATH.—Two dollars, found by an unknown man in Park Row, New York, Thursday afternoon, was the indirect cause of his death. He was so hungry that he went into the nearest restaurant and ate so ravenously that he was choked and suffocated. Who he was no one knows. He entered the restaurant at four o'clock, sat down at one of the tables and called for a waiter, and one responded. The waiter, not understanding anything unusual about the patron, "What do you want?" he asked. "Give me some roast beef, and bring it quick," said the man. It was no sooner on the table than he attacked it like a man who had not eaten for a week. He stopped long enough to tell the waiter that he had just found a two dollar bill on the sidewalk outside. The man was nearly through when a large piece of beef became lodged in his throat. He made frantic efforts to swallow it, and presently he jumped up and fell on the floor, writhing. The waiter ran to his assistance, patted him on the back, and rubbed his chest, but to no effect, and finally a policeman was called. He sent in a hurry call for an ambulance. A big crowd had gathered, and when a surgeon arrived he had to force his way into the place. He said the man was dead. The body was removed to the Morgue. There was nothing in his pockets to indicate his name or where he belonged, but he had the change of the bill he had found, as it is customary for all who patronize the restaurant to pay in advance. He was about forty-five years old and had dark hair.

THE TUG WAS AT FAULT.—One of the decisions recently handed down by Judge Waddill, in the United States Court, is of interest to river men. This was the case of A. N. Marshall vs. the company of the Old Dominion Steamship Company. It resulted from a collision between the tugboat Sallie and the steamer Hampton Roads in Hampton Creek on the morning of October 11, 1898. The court decided that the tug was at fault, and so rendered a verdict.

LIST OF UNCLAIMED LETTERS.

The following is a list of the letters remaining in the Alexandria, Va., postoffice January 6.

Persons calling for letters will please say they are advertised.

Advertised letters not called for within two weeks will be sent to the dead letter office.

Baydon, G. McLaren Inge, Z. M. P. Brown, Willie Gill, James Carroll, Miss Lilly Nallen, Jackson G. Deaver, Lafayette Norris, T. S. Dwyer, M. Nolan, E. M. nt Ferguson, Miss A. W. Soller, Mrs. J. S. Forsyth, G. W. Whalen, Miss Maggie J. OS L. CRUPPER, P. M.

THE MARKET.

Dever, Jan. 6.—Wheat 65 1/2.

Lewis Dennis, Salem, Ind., says "Kodol Dyspepsia Cure did me more good than anything I ever took." It digests what you eat and can help but cure dyspepsia and stomach troubles.

How Are Your Kidneys?

Dr. Hobbs' Scurvy Pills cure all kidney ills. See the Ad. and See How Good They Are.

L. T. Thirkfield, Health Inspector of Chicago, says "Kodol Dyspepsia Cure cannot be recommended too highly. It cured me of severe indigestion, heartburn and all forms of dyspepsia."

DIED.

At the residence of her aunt, Miss A. V. Simon, No. 1200 Old State Road, died at 5 p. m., Jan. 6, 1900, MARY REED, daughter of the late E. Towley and Carlo R. Simon, of Alexandria county, aged 42 years and 8 months. Funeral Sunday, at 2 p. m. from St. Mary's Church.—(Washington papers please copy.)

FINE LOT GATOR PRIZES for sale by J. C. MILBURN.



SATURDAY EVENING, JAN. 6, 1900

THE BILL Senator Foraker has introduced in Congress for the government of Porto Rico provides for giving to that island such a form of government as that of Arizona and New Mexico, though half of its population are lazy and destitute negroes, and though less than ten per cent. of the whole number can read and write. It is a hard matter to govern intelligent and industrious white men of a kindred race, and interested in the welfare of the country of which they are citizens, but infinitely more so, to govern ignorant and thriftless aliens, having the natural feelings of a vanquished foe. But the Americans gained a "famous victory" in the war with Spain.

IT IS NOT at all surprising that Northern men who have interests in the newly conquered provinces should advocate and support the President's expansion and imperialistic policy, but why Southern men do so is not easily understood, as all the products of the provinces referred to compete in the markets of the whole world with those of the South. But this government is now conducted in the interest of the Northern republican party, not in that of the people of the whole country. The taxpayers of the United States are asleep now, but they will wake up after a while.

ANOTHER ISLAND in the Chinese sea, not included in the Philippine group, has been seized by order of the McKinley administration. Indeed, it really seems as if Mr. McKinley's mind has been turned by the idea of expansion, as he has now ordered "The flag" to be raised on nearly all the islands of the sea. If he would only abolish his high tariff, so that the flag of his country may be seen on merchant ships in those seas, he would benefit his countrymen by extending their commerce, and not harm them by exorbitant taxes to pay the enormous expenses of his unnecessary wars.

THE ENGLISH army in South Africa sustained another defeat yesterday, in which several well known officers were killed and wounded. The English now know that white men are harder to whip than either yellow, brown or black men, and, to their sorrow, have learned that the Boers in far off isolated and half civilized Africa, are as well "up" in the art of war as they are, and are a great deal better strategists.

AS FRANCE has determined to send a fleet to San Domingo to enforce the payment of certain claims against that so-called "republic," it would not be surprising if some of the jingoes here were to tell the Frenchmen to "shiny on their own side," as directed by the Monroe doctrine, and as the United States are, or, as they would say, is, the guardian and protector of the whole western hemisphere.

THE BLACK death plague has now appeared in the Philippines. Pestilence and famine are the natural accompaniments of war, and Mr. McKinley has brought both of them upon his people in order to gratify his ambition for a second term and all the personal benefits such a term would confer.

FROM WASHINGTON.

[Correspondence of the Alexandria Gazette.]

Washington, January 6.

Capt. Leary, U. S. N. Governor of Guam, in a report to the Navy Department, records the death of Privates D. O'Rourke, Paul Schoenig and Wm. P. Brown of the Guam Battalion. He says: "After issuing my proclamation setting aside a thanksgiving day, the native priest at Agaña informed me that he would on that day celebrate a special thanksgiving service, a solemn 'Te Deum,' in which our station band will participate, furnishing the musical portion of the service, which will be a great treat for the natives as they never enjoyed such a privilege."

General Wood telegraphed from Havana this morning that the Fifteenth infantry sailed today for New York from Nuevitas.

The Senate committee on elections this morning commenced taking testimony in the case of Senator Clark of Montana. Henry C. Stiff, Speaker of the House, testified that he was approached by W. M. Bickford, an alleged agent of Clark, who wished witness to examine the title to the property of H. W. McLaughlin, who was about to make a conveyance of it to Mr. Clark. Witness said he was offered \$500 to examine the title and was told that if he would vote for Mr. Clark for Senator he would be put on the list of Mr. Clark's attorneys as a salary of several thousand dollars per year. On another occasion Mr. Bickford offered him \$10,000 if he would withdraw from the race for Speaker of the House and support Mr. Clark for Senator. Witness said he was approached by A. B. Cook, another alleged agent of Mr. Clark, who offered him \$20,000 for his support of Mr. Clark. Witness told Cook that Mr. Clark could afford to pay \$50,000, and Cook said he would see Mr. Clark about the matter. Ex-Senator Faulkner conducted the cross-examination. Mr. Stiff on cross-examination admitted that he did not exhibit any great indignation when Mr. Cook offered him \$20,000 for his support of Mr. Clark.

The interpretation by the War Department of the cablegram received from General Oles yesterday that all of

the prisoners held by the Filipinos in Northern Luzon had been recaptured is confirmed in the following dispatches from General Oles and Rear Admiral Watson, received this morning: "Prisoners now en route from Vigan will arrive tonight. List will be telegraphed tomorrow. Captain Gilmore among the number."

Senator Allison, after an interview with the President this morning on the gold bill, said: "The bill will pass without any delay or much discussion. The measure has President McKinley's entire approval and will be supported by his party unanimously. As well as by many on the other side of the House."

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People from Fredericksburg, Va., here today, say that nine-tenths of the stock of the Fredericksburg Free Loan has been sold to Messrs. Roe and Lee for \$4,000, that Judge Sener has no interest in it now, and that the paper will hereafter be democratic, but will not be favorable to the re-nomination of Congressman Jones from the district in which it is published. They also say that Mr. St. George Fitzhugh, a prominent member of the Fredericksburg bar, who abandoned the democratic party some time ago on account of its bimetallicism, will not renew his connection with it.

Senator Deboe of Kentucky has returned here after witnessing the recent republican defeat in his State. Before the final decision he was certain the republicans would come out with flying colors, and induced the President to believe him. Cocksureness is not conducive to happiness, and Mr. Deboe is not happy, now that Mr. Blackburn has been elected Senator and Mr. Goebel will soon be inaugurated as Governor.

Representative Lamb, of the Richmond, Va., district, saw the Secretary of War at the President this morning in the interest of Mr. Gordon McCabe's son, who is an applicant for a commission in the army. He was informed that the name of the applicant would be recorded, but that he would have to wait his turn, and that so patriotic are Virginians, that many are ahead of him.

The President, so familiar at the White House say, sincerely wishes a plague upon both Sampson and Schley, and says it is a shame that their unequalled should prevent better men in the navy from receiving well-merited promotion.

From the Long Bridge up to the Great Falls the ice on the river remains solid, except that in a narrow track made by tugboats between the bridge and Georgetown, but another such day as this one will start it running. However, the newspapers of this city have not yet revived their old scheme for blowing up the bridge in order to save Washington from a flood.

There is nothing new about the statement that Representative S. Vanaman, for the democratic gubernatorial nomination in his State. He informed the Gazette's correspondent to that effect some time ago, and has had no hesitation in saying so to all who have talked with him on the subject. A prominent citizen of Staunton, Virginia, here today, says that his information induces him to believe that Lieutenant Governor Echols will be the nominee, while a member of the House from Virginia says he thinks Chairman E. Lyon of the democratic State committee will be the man.

The President has come to the settled determination that the unwarranted and unjustifiable seizure of American goods by British ships by British vessels shall not induce him to protest against such a violation of international law, and to interrupt the amicable relations with his new ally, Great Britain.

As one million dollars were appropriated for the recovery of the Nicaragua canal route, another inspection party, it is said at the rooms of the Senate commerce committee today, started this morning for Greytown, and thence it is expected, will about consume the remainder of the sum reported to.

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